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SUBJECT: VOLTAN AMBASSADOR TO USSR

1. GOUV HAS ANNOUNCED NOMINATION OF MARC OUBKIRI YAO, AEP TO USSR.

2. YAO IS A BOBO OULE AND IS MARRIED.

3. EDUCATION: FROM 1956 TO 1963 HE ATTENDED THE LYCEE ZINDA KABORE IN OUAGADOUGOU. 1963 TO 1966 ECOLE DES SCIENCES POLITIQUES AT PARIS. CONCURRENTLY FROM 1963 - 1964 HE ATTENDED THE FACULTE DE DROIT AND FROM 1964 - 1966 STUDIED HISTORY AND ECONOMICS AT THE SORBONNE. FROM 1966-1967 HE ATTENDED THE SCHOLL FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT PARIS.

4. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

A. HEAD OF CONSULAR BUREAU - VOLTAN FOREIGN MINISTRY 1968.

B. HEAD OF THE BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOREIGN MINISTRY, 1970.

C. PREMIER CONSEILLER VOLTAN PERMANENT MISSION TO UN, 1973.

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5. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. YAO IS CATHOLIC BUT DOES NOT REGARD THE CHURCH AS BEING RELEVANT TO UPPER VOLTA.

B. YAO IS INTELLIGENT AND POSSESSES GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. HE IS PART OF THE FIRST WAVE OF VOLTANS WHO WERE SENT TO FRANCE SHORTLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE TO SPECIFIC TRAINING FOR HIGH LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE JOBS IN THE VOLTAN GOVERNMENT. AS SUCH HE IS A MEMBER OF AN ELITE CORPS OF TECHNOCRATS AND IS PROUD OF IT.

C. YAO IS SURE OF HIMSELF THOUGH NOT ARROGANT. HE HAS THE TRADITIONAL VOLTAN MANNERS OF HOSPITABLE COURTESY AND IS OPEN AND AT EASE WITH FOREIGNERS. IN OFFICIAL DEALINGS HE REACTS WELL TO A DIRECT AND FRANK APPROACH.

D. YAO IS APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET TALL, OF SLENDER BUILD, WEARS GLASSES, HAS BOBO-OULE TRIBAL MARKINGS AND WEARS A MUSTACHE.

3. AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS YAO IS FREINDLY AND AT EASE WITH DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES. HE OCCASIONALLY LIKES TO GO OUT ON THE TOWN AND "BAR-HOP."

F. YAO LIKES AMERICANS PERSONALLY AND HAS WORKED WELL WITH THEM BOTH IN UPPER VOLTA AND IN NEW YORK. HE HAS HAD LITTLE SYMPATHY WITH U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT THESE FEELINGS HAVE NOT APPREICABLY EFFECTED HIS RELATION WITH THE USG OFFICIALS ON AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA.
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